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Mud Lake Complex Update

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Mud Lake Complex
Southern Area Gold Team
Monday, June 1, 2015 9:30 AM
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Fire Information Office
Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Current
Status

The Mud Lake Complex is comprised of 15 wildfires caused by lightning strikes in the Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida, near Naples. (During the complex, 5 smaller fires were absorbed by larger fires. The larger fire name was used to describe all combined fires. See table below for more information.) The acreage burned has not increased. In total, 35,321 acres of various preserve habitats have burned. Containment is now 70 %. Areas west of the Square and Ellison Fires received measurable precipitation yesterday. Fuels in other areas remain dry. The Square and Ellison fires continued to smolder in and around cypress domes and areas of needle cast. Crews continued mop-up of hot spots on the Square, Ellison, Hobo and Nobles Fires. With the increased chances of thunderstorms again this afternoon, aviation resources may be limited.

Planned
Events

Wildland firefighter crews will monitor and mop-up hot spots along the Square Fire perimeter and improve northwest corner containment lines. Crews will monitor the Ellison Fire's northern perimeter and an unburned area near the fire's southern edge. Aerial support will continue to monitor all other fires and assist in suppression as necessary. Additionally, crews will continue to use minimum impact suppression tactics to protect wilderness values and lessen impacts on endangered species.

Fire	Est. acreage as of 6.1.15	Start Date	Smaller fire(s) absorbed
Ellison	23,709	May 8	Mist
Ellipse	215	May 10	--

Square	11,375	May 10	Circle, Triangle, Dot 1, Dot 2
Pekel	1.5	May 17	--
68	2.5	May 18	--
Blue Bird	0.5	May 21	--
Sanctuary	1.5	May 22	--
Hobo	5	May 24	--
Buggy	5	May 24	--
Nobles	6	May 24	--
Personnel	260		

Equipment 5 helicopters (1 large, 2 medium, 2 small), 7 wildland fire engines,
2 fixed-wing aircraft

Cooperators National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Florida
Panther National Wildlife Refuge, Florida Forest Service, Seminole Tribe of
Florida, Florida Highway Patrol, Collier County (Florida) Office of Emergency
Management.

Restrictions and Closures A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect (http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_5_6469.html). Access to lands managed by Big Cypress National Preserve south of Interstate 75, from mile marker 59 to mile marker 75 (Turner River Road), south to Upper Wagon Wheel Road is temporarily restricted as well. The closure also extends to lands administered by Big Cypress National Preserve north of Interstate 75, from mile marker 59 to mile marker 70, north to the Big Cypress Preserve Boundary. These areas will be closed to provide public and firefighter safety in areas of high fire activity. The closure restricts access to all recreational use including Off-Road Vehicles (ORV), hiking, and camping and includes portions of the Florida National Scenic Trail from mile 12, traveling north to the northern boundary of Big Cypress National Preserve.

Fire Weather Today will be mostly cloudy in the afternoon with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Temperatures will reach 90-94 degrees with a heat index of 92-95. Relative humidity will be 41%. Shifting winds are forecast 2-4 mph with gust up to 10 mph by mid to late afternoon as the sea breeze enters the area. Chance of rain is 40%.

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